

HOUSE No. 2680

By Ms. Khan of Newton, petition of Kay Khan and Richard T. Moore relative to the professional title of practitioners of dentistry and use of the term “oral physician” in such practice. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROFESSIONAL TITLE OF PRACTITIONERS OF DENTISTRY AND USE OF THE TERM “ORAL PHYSICIAN” IN SUCH PRACTICE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 19 of chapter 13 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in lines
3 5 and 13, by striking out the word “dentists” and inserting in place
4 thereof in each instance the words:— “oral physicians” and by
5 striking out, in line 12, the words “a dentist” and inserting in
6 place thereof the following words:— “an oral physician”.

1 SECTION 2. Section 7A of chapter 17 of the General Laws, as
2 so appearing, is hereby amended, in lines 2-3, the word “dentists”
3 and inserting in place thereof the words “oral physicians”.

1 SECTION 3. Subsection (a) of section 15 of chapter 19A, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word
3 “dentist” and inserting in place thereof the following words:—
4 “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 4. Section 1 of chapter 19C, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 24, the word “dentist” and
3 inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 5. Section 5 of chapter 22A, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 13, the words “a dentist”

3 and inserting in place thereof the following words:— “an oral
4 physician”.

1 SECTION 6. Paragraph (16) of subsection (a) of section 1 of
2 chapter 30B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out,
3 in line 47, the word “dentists” and inserting in place thereof the
4 following words:- “oral physicians”.

1 SECTION 7. Paragraph (iv) of subsection (2) of section 3 of
2 chapter 32, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in
3 line 70, the word “dentist” and inserting in place thereof the
4 following words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 8. Subsection (1) of section 6 of chapter 64H, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 178, the
3 words “a dentist and the materials used by a dentist” and inserting
4 in place thereof the following words:— “an oral physician and the
5 materials used by an oral physician”.

1 SECTION 9. Section 187 of chapter 94, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 63, 139, 141 and 152, the
3 word “dentist” and inserting in place thereof in each instance the
4 words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 10. Section 187D of said chapter 94, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word
3 “dentist” and inserting in place the words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 11. Section 1 of chapter 94C, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 239, the word “dentist”
3 and inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physi-
4 cian”.

1 SECTION 12. Subsection (f) of section 7 of said chapter 94C,
2 as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 113
3 and 116, the word “dentist” and inserting in place thereof in each
4 instance the following words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 13. Section 9 of said chapter 94C, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1, 17, 22, 27, 54, 60, 62
3 and 66, the word “dentist” and inserting in place thereof in each
4 instance the following words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 14. Section 27 of said chapter 94C, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1, 13, 26 and 38, the
3 word “dentist” and inserting in place thereof in each instance the
4 following words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 15. Section 6C of chapter 111, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the word “dentists”
3 and inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physi-
4 cians”.

1 SECTION 16. Section 72G of said chapter 111, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the word
3 “dentist” and inserting in place thereof the following words:—
4 “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 17. Section 8 of chapter 111D, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 21, the word “dentist” and
3 inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 18. Section 12D of chapter 112, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the word “dentist” and
3 inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 19. Section 12F of said chapter 112, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1, 27, 36, 38 and 40
3 the word “dentist” and inserting in place thereof in each instance
4 the following words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 20. Section 12CC of said chapter 112, as so
2 appearing is hereby amended by striking out, in line 21, the word
3 “dentists” and inserting in place thereof the following words:—
4 “oral physicians”.

1 SECTION 21. Section 23A of said chapter 112, as so appearing
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the word “dentist”
3 and inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physi-
4 cian”.

1 SECTION 22. Section 43A of said chapter 112, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 5, 14, 16
3 and 30 the word “dentist” and inserting in place thereof in each
4 instance the words:— “oral physician”, and by striking out, in
5 lines 6, 8, 17, 22, 24 and 29 the words “a dentist” and inserting in
6 place thereof in each instance the words:— “an oral physician”.

1 SECTION 23. Section 44 of said chapter 112, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1, 11 and 16 the word
3 “dentist” and inserting in place thereof in each instance the
4 following words:— “oral physician” and by striking out, in line
5 14, the word “dentists” and inserting in place thereof the
6 following words:— “oral physicians”

1 SECTION 24. Section 45A of said chapter 112, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended, in line 21, by striking out the word
3 “dentist” and inserting in place thereof the following words:—
4 “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 25. Section 48 of said chapter 112, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 10 the words “a
3 dentist” and inserting in place thereof in each instance the
4 following words:— “an oral physician”.

1 SECTION 26. Section 49 of said chapter 112, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the word “dentist”
3 and inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physi-
4 cian”.

1 SECTION 27. Section 50 of said chapter 112, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 8, 9, 19, 30 and 31 the
3 word “dentist” and inserting in place thereof in each instance the
4 words:— “oral physician”, and by striking out, in lines 24-25, the

5 word “dentist’s” and inserting in place thereof the following
6 words:— “oral physician’s”.

1 SECTION 28. Section 50A of said chapter 112, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the word
3 “dentist” and inserting in place thereof the following words:—
4 “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 29. Section 51 of said chapter 112, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out in lines 29-30 the word “den-
3 tist” and inserting in place thereof in each instance the following
4 words:— “oral physician” and by striking out, in line 56, the word
5 “dentists” and inserting in place thereof the following words:—
6 “oral physicians” and by striking out, in lines 18 and 21-22, the
7 words “a dentist” and inserting in place thereof the following
8 words:— “an oral physician”.

1 SECTION 30. Section 52 of said chapter 112, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 9 and 18, the word
3 “dentist” and inserting in place thereof in each instance the
4 following words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 31. Section 52A of said chapter 112, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1, 18 and 41
3 the word “dentist” and inserting in place thereof in each instance
4 the following words:— “oral physician” and by striking out, in
5 line 33, the words “a dentist’s” and inserting in place thereof the
6 following words:— “an oral physician’s” and by striking out, in
7 line 48, the word “dentists” and inserting in place thereof the
8 following words:— “oral physicians”.

1 SECTION 32. Section 52B of said chapter 112, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended, in line 1, by striking out the word “dentist”
3 and inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physi-
4 cian”, and by striking out, in line 5, the words “a dentist” and
5 inserting in place thereof the following words:— “an oral physi-
6 cian”.

1 SECTION 33. Section 52D of said chapter 112, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended, in line 3, by striking out the word
3 “dentist” and inserting in place thereof the following words:—
4 “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 34. Section 52E of said chapter 112, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended, in lines 3 and 8, by striking out the word
3 “dentist” and inserting in place thereof in each instance the
4 following words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 35. Section 53 of said chapter 112, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4, 10, 12 and 14 the
3 word “dentist” and inserting in place thereof in each instance the
4 following words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 36. Section 58 of said chapter 112, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 19-20 and 24, the word
3 “dentist” and inserting in place thereof in each instance the
4 following words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 37. Section 80B of said chapter 112, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 13 and 82, the word
3 “dentists” and inserting in place thereof in each instance the
4 following words:— “oral physicians”.

1 SECTION 38. Section 51A of chapter 119, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 3, the word “dentist” and
3 inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 39. Section 2 of chapter 120, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 17, the word “dentists”
3 and inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physi-
4 cians”.

1 SECTION 40. Section 6 of chapter 136, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 14, the word “dentists”
3 and inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physi-
4 cians”.

1 SECTION 41. Section 76 of chapter 138, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the word “dentist” and
3 inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 42. Section 30A of chapter 149, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 19, the word “dentists”
3 and inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physi-
4 cians”.

1 SECTION 43. Section 30B of said chapter 149, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 12, the word
3 “dentists” and inserting in place thereof the following words:—
4 “oral physicians”.

1 SECTION 44. Subsection (a) of section 187 of said chapter
2 149, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in line
3 19, the word “dentists” and inserting in place thereof the
4 following words:— “oral physicians”.

1 SECTION 45. Section 13 of chapter 152, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 71, the word “dentists”
3 and inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physi-
4 cians”.

1 SECTION 46. Section 2 of chapter 156A, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the word “dentists”
3 and inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physi-
4 cians”.

1 SECTION 47. Section 110K of chapter 175, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 13, the word “dentist”
3 and inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physi-
4 cian”.

1 SECTION 48. Section 2 of chapter 175I, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 125, the word “dentist”
3 and inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physi-
4 cian”.

1 SECTION 49. Section 4 of chapter 176B, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 3, 13 and 21, the word
3 “dentists” and inserting in place thereof in each instance the
4 following words:— “oral physicians”.

1 SECTION 50. Section 1 of chapter 176E, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 19, 23 and 25, the word
3 “dentist” and inserting in place thereof in each instance the
4 following words:— “oral physician” and by striking out, in lines 9
5 and 17, the word “dentists” and inserting in place thereof in each
6 instance the words:— “oral physicians”.

1 SECTION 51. Section 4 of said chapter 176E, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 2, 5, 7, 11, and 14, the
3 word “dentists” and inserting in place thereof in each instance the
4 words:— “oral physicians”, and by striking out, in line 57, the
5 word “dentist” and inserting in place thereof the words:— “oral
6 physician”.

1 SECTION 52. Section 5 of said chapter 176E, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the word “dentist”
3 and inserting in place thereof the words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 53. Section 7 of said chapter 176E, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 1, 4, 13, 14, 22, 29, 32,
3 34, 41, 43 and 64, the word “dentist” and inserting in place
4 thereof in each instance the following words:— “oral physician”
5 and by striking out, in lines 6, 8, 10, 14, 38, 39-40, 48, 52, 58, 60
6 and 70, the word “dentists” and by inserting in place thereof in
7 each instance the following words:— “oral physicians” and by
8 striking out, in line 34, the words “a dentist-patient” and inserting
9 in place thereof the following words:— “an oral physician-
10 patient”.

1 SECTION 54. Section 12 of said chapter 176E, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word “dentist”
3 and inserting in place thereof the words:— “oral physicians”.

1 SECTION 55. Section 14 of said chapter 176E, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 7, the word
3 “dentist” and inserting in place thereof in each instance the
4 words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 56. Section 11A of chapter 176G, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the word “dentist” and
3 inserting in place thereof the words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 57. Section 59C of chapter 231, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word “dentist” and
3 inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 58. Section 79C of chapter 233, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 6-7, the word “dentists”
3 and inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physi-
4 cians”.

1 SECTION 59. Section 79G of said chapter 233, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 7, 12, 13,
3 14, 24 and 32, the word “dentist” and inserting in place thereof in
4 each instance the following words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 60. Section 4 of chapter 260, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in line 24, the word “dentist” and
3 inserting in place thereof the following words:— “oral physi-
4 cians”.

1 SECTION 61. Section 79 of chapter 277, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 460 and 473, the word
3 “dentist” and inserting in place thereof in each instance the
4 following words:— “oral physician”.

1 SECTION 62. Chapter 37 of the Acts of 2002 is hereby
2 amended by adding at the end of the second sentence the
3 following words:— “or the use of the term “oral physician” by
4 individuals licensed and practicing under section 43 to 53 inclu-
5 sive.”